

SENATE RESOLUTION 15

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Thomas Stewart, Thomas (Andy) Stewart, Kenneth Kelly, and Gary Kelly for their service to the hearing impaired community of Montgomery and surrounding counties in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, four such noteworthy people who have contributed years of meritorious service to the hearing impaired community of Montgomery and surround counties in Tennessee include Thomas S. Stewart, who has contributed thirty-five years; Thomas (Andy) Stewart, who has contributed seventeen years; Kenneth W. Kelly, who has contributed twenty-two years; and Gary Kelly, who has contributed seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, in the true spirit of altruism, these men have exhibited uncommon diligence and compassion for the hearing impaired population; the Stewart family has provided over 30,000 free electronic hearing evaluations and has served over 20,000 hearing impaired individuals with hearing instruments; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Stewart and his family are committed and dedicated Hearing Instrument Dispensers who have worked to improve the quality of life for others by establishing State and National education and legal requirements for hearing instrument specialists; and

WHEREAS, the Stewarts and Kellys have succeeded in providing a wealth of knowledge and sagacious advice as experts on hearing aid dispensers, and have helped to improve hearing for many; and

WHEREAS, because of these men's numerous contributions, Beltone Electronic Corporation has honored the Stewart family with its highest award, "The President Cup," for recognition as the top dealership in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Stewart, Andy Stewart, Ken Kelly, and Gary Kelly exhibit tremendous compassion and love for their profession and those individuals they serve and exemplify the spirit and enthusiasm that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud these fine men for their service to the betterment of the hearing impaired; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Thomas S. Stewart, Thomas (Andy) Stewart, Kenneth W. Kelly, and Gary Kelly upon their combined ninety-one years of meritorious service to the hearing-impaired population, salute their distinguished and productive tenure as outstanding service providers, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.